GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ANNA SURAKSHA YOJANA
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Anna Suraksha Yojana in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any review of the implementation status of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b): Government of India is not implementing any scheme by the name of 'Anna Suraksha Yojana'. However, Government has notified the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) on 10.09.2013, which aims to provide for food and nutritional security in human life cycle approach, by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity. The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population of the country for receiving foodgrains at subsidised prices of Rs. 3, 2 & 1 per Kg for rice, wheat & coarse grains respectively under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). There is also a special focus in the Act on nutritional support to pregnant women and lactating mothers and children upto 14 years of age.

(c) & (d): Implementation status of the Act is reviewed on a regular basis and necessary advisories are issued to States/UTs, wherever required.

Based on the reported identification of beneficiaries for coverage under NFSA, allocation of foodgrains to 11 States/UTs has started under the Act. Out of these, in 6 States, namely Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan, complete identification as per coverage under the Act has been reported and in the remaining 5 States/UTs, namely Bihar, NCT of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Chandigarh, identification is partial. Government of Uttarakhand has also reported completion of identification of beneficiaries. Remaining States/UTs have been requested to complete the identification at the earliest and ensure implementation of the Act within next three months, after completing other preparatory measures.